May 19, 2016

Mr Ron Curry
Region 6 Administrator
U S Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
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Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits

Dear Mr Curry,

I, **(b) (6)** support full remediation of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits The surrounding communities and environments of the San Jacinto River have suffered greatly from the affects of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits (SJRWP) The San Jacinto River is a source of seafood, revenue, and recreation that is enjoyed by local residents and tourist from across the United States

For decades the toxic waste from the SJRWP migrated into the local environment and the extent of damage is still not fully understood/acknowledged **Independent testing has shown dioxin and PCBs in residential yards as well as private groundwater wells and Texas Department of State Health Services has confirmed cancer clusters in surrounding communities.** As long as the Waste Pits remain in the River, the risks to public health and the environment will remain.

Furthermore, a study commissioned by the San Jacinto River Coalition in 2015 reviewed remedy selection at Superfund Sites similar to the Waste Pits. Across the United States, there are 7 sites similar to the Waste Pits. At all 7 sites, the EPA required removal of the toxic waste. Almost all of the sites are much larger and more complex than the Waste Pits. We have a fairly simple Site to remediate when you compare the Pits to other sites across the Nation that have been successfully and fully remediated It can be done, and it must be done.

I appreciate your help in this process and you taking the time to consider this letter. I look forward to guaranteed protection of human health and the environment by full removal of the Waste Pits.

Sincerely,

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